



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 23632-002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Chen *et al.* CONFIRMATION No.: 3675
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/461,336 EXAMINER : Bryan J. Jaketic
FILING DATE : December 15, 1999 ART UNIT : 3627
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS
AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, Applicants submit the following
Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required
beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.
However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this
application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a),
and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to
be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23632-002).

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